

California State University Employees Union
Legislative Report – Fall 2013
November 1, 2013

Greetings CSUEU Board of Directors,

The Legislative Committee recommends the Board approve the following actions:

Funding for Lobby Day 2014 – to be held April 28 – 29, 2014; we request that the BoD consider the following change - the cost for Lobby Day would be reduced significantly by having Chapters assume one (1) day (8 hours) of release time for each participant from the Chapter. We anticipate the funded number of participants (2) from each Chapter to remain the same.

Support for Staff Trustee [voting member] to the CSU Board of Trustees – We have been approached by Assemblymember Pan's Office that they are interested in sponsoring a bill (legislation) that would establish a non-faculty, rank and file staff employee on the Board of Trustees.

I, along with David Balla-Hawkins, Legislative Advocate, had a preliminary meeting with the Assemblymember Pan and his staff on Thursday, October 31, 2013, and discussed the work that needed to be done, along with strategies to make this a successful endeavor. No cost has been associated with the effort.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for our Union, as well as, other staff Unions. More information is forthcoming and I hope to have time during at the BoD to elaborate. *Please find attached the letter to Assemblymember Pan which includes proposed language for the bill.*

District Office visits/PAC Campaign for 2014-15 – We are seeking support from the Board of Directors to grow our Political Action Committee membership to **50%** of our membership, we are currently at **18%**. This action would involve working with Chapter Leadership to encourage support through talking points and flyers.

In addition, sending our Legislative Advocate on campus visits to meet with Chapter Leadership, and address the membership at Chapter meetings to build support for these efforts. We are requesting \$6000.00 to support this effort.

Support for Contracting Out Legislation – Our Legislative Advocate continues to gather information and seek sponsorship for a bill that will protect our members from the efforts of CSU to contract out our custodial, grounds, graphic design and IT work.

Informational – In a recent meeting with SEIU State Council Lobbyist Terry Brennan, I confirmed that, with the passage of Proposition 30, Governor Brown plans to restore the base budgets of the UC and CSU – the CSU can anticipate the following funding for:

2013/14 – \$125 million; 2014/15 – \$148 million; 2015/16 – \$124 million; 2016/17 – \$129 million

Finally, please find attached the Legislative Advocates report for your review and comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim

Kim Harrington, Chair
CSUEU Legislative Committee